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SUBJ: TASS REPORT FROM PHNOM PENH RE GKR NEGOTIATIONS OFFER

1. I MAY BE ABLE TO SHED ADDITIONAL LIGHT ON TASS
CORRESPONDENT'S FAVORABLE REACTION TO THE GKR NEGOTIATIONS
OFFER.

2. TOWARDS END JUNE, LOCAL TASS CORRESPONDENT KOSSINSKI,
WHO HAD SPENT TWO WEEKS IN VIENTIANE, SENT ME LETTER
CONVEYING CORDIAL GREETINGS AND A BOOKLET FROM SOVIET
AMBASSADOR DVOVINE IN VIENTIANE. (DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL
THAT AMBASSADOR DVOVINE PLAYED HELPFUL ROLE LAST SEPTEMBER
IN VIENTIANE GETTING PATHET LAO TO SIGN SEPTEMBER 14
IMPLEMENTING PROTOCOL.) SINCE I HAD ONLY MET KOSSINSKI
ONCE SINCE MY ARRIVAL IN PHNOM PENH LAST MARCH, I
INTERPRETED KOSSINSKI'S LETTER AS PREMEDITATED
EFFORT TO RENEW CONTACT WITH ME.

3. ON JULY 10, ONE DAY AFTER GKR HAD MADE OFFER FOR
UNCONDITIONAL NEGOTIATIONS, KOSSINSKI CAME TO MY
OFFICE, WHERE WE CAREFULLY REVIEWED FRENCH TEXT OF
GKR DECLARATION. HE WAS IMPRESSED BY NON-POLEMIC
TONE OF GKR STATEMENT AND HE PARTICULARLY NOTED GKR
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APPEAL TO ALL COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT THE KHMERS, REGARDLESS

OF THEIR SIDE, PHRASE HE AGREED WAS AIMED AS MUCH AT TONE OF GKR STATEMENT AND HE PARTICULARLY NOTED GKR APPEAL TO ALL COUNTRIES TO SUPPORT THE KHMERS, REGARDLESS OF THEIR SIDE, PHRASE HE AGREED WAS AIMED AS MUCH AT TRADITIONAL FRIENDS OF GKR AS TOWARD SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. KOSSINSKI ALSO "CONGRATULATED THE AMERICANS" ON THE IMPROVED MILITARY SITUATION IN KHMER REPUBLIC AND THOUGHT THAT THE RECAPTURE OF THE 17TH CENTURY RELIGIOUS CAPITAL OF OUDONG WAS PARTICULARLY TIMELY FOR GKR PEACE OFFER.

4. I QUITE FRANKLY TOLD KOSSINSKI THAT IT APPEARED TO ME THAT BOTH THE SOVIETS AND CERTAIN EAST EUROPEAN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES ARE PRESENTLY COMPLETELY "OUT OF THE PICTURE IN CAMBODIA" AND PERHAPS THE GKR PEACE INITIATIVE WAS ONE WAY FOR MOSCOW TO RE-ENTER ON THE SCENE. I SAID THAT THOUGHT KHIEU SAMPHAN'S AVOIDANCE OF MOSCOW-ORIENTED CAPITALS DURING HIS TRIP TO EUROPE AND AFRICA LAST APRIL/MAY REFLECTED MOSCOW'S ISOLATION ON CAMBODIAN MATTERS, OPINION WHICH TASS CORRESPONDENT SHARED. I STRONGLY URGED KOSSINSKI TO SEND DETAILED REPORT ON GKR PEACE INITIATIVE AND IMPROVED MILITARY SITUATION IN KHMER REPUBLIC TO MOSCOW IN THE HOPE THAT SOVIETS GET INTERESTED AGAIN IN CAMBODIA, A COUNTRY FOR WHICH THEY ASSUMED SOME MORAL RESPONSIBILITY WHEN THEY ACCEPTED CO-CHAIRMANSHIP OF GENEVA CONFERENCE.

5. MY IMPRESSION OF THIS ONE-HOUR LONG MEETING IS THAT TASS CORRESPONDENT WANTS MOSCOW TO STUDY GKR DECLARATION CAREFULLY BEFORE TAKING STANCE, CERTAINLY JUXTAPOSITION OF STATESMANLIKE GKR STATEMENT WITH SIHANOUK'S INSULTING DIATRIBE SHOULD MAKE GKR OFFER MORE APPEALING TO ALL COUNTRIES INTERESTED IN DETENTE.
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